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From: David E. Janssen  
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**MOTION TO SUPPORT THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF ASSEMBLY BUDGET SUBCOMMITTEE NO. 1 AND SENATE BUDGET SUBCOMMITTEE NO. 3 TO ALLOCATE FUNDING FOR THE POINT OF ENGAGEMENT SERVICE DELIVERY SYSTEM (ITEM NO. 16, AGENDA OF MAY 31, 2005)**

Item No. 16 on the May 31, 2005 Agenda is a motion by Supervisor Burke to support the allocation of \$400,000 in the State Budget for the expansion and evaluation of the Point of Engagement (POE) Service Delivery System in Los Angeles County, send a five-signature letter of support to the Los Angeles County Legislative Delegation and Governor Schwarzenegger, and instruct our Sacramento Advocates to help ensure the retention of these funds in the budget.

The Senate and Assembly Budget Subcommittees on Health and Human Services adopted the Governor's May Revision proposal to fund 11 Child Welfare Services county pilot projects and System Improvement Plan implementations, and allocated an additional \$3.1 million from the General Fund for Child Welfare Improvement activities and \$400,000 for the County's POE service delivery system.

The POE system is characterized by a seamless and timely transfer of responsibility from front-end investigations to actual service delivery to provide more comprehensive investigations and needed services to children and families within their homes and communities. The targeted investigations are aimed at avoiding, if possible, the removal of children from their homes.

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**The Department of Children of Family Services (DCFS) recommends support for this Agenda item, and we concur.** Support of the Budget Subcommittees' recommendations is consistent with the State Legislative Agenda adopted by your Board on January 11, 2005 that includes policies to support proposals to fund Child Welfare Services outcome improvements and action steps included in the County's Self-Improvement Plan and the State's Program Improvement Plan, in response to the Federal Children and Family Services Review. Support is also consistent with a DCFS report submitted to your Board on March 15, 2005 on the feasibility and plan to extend the POE service delivery system.

Please let me know if you need any additional information.

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c: Executive Officer, Board of Supervisors  
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